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There is a lot going on this fall! You will have to look inside and read about all the fun stuff!

We are raising money to beautify Pillow, having a recipe swap, updating you on some NSCNA news, and talking about handling neighborhood concerns!



Next NSCNA General Meeting

Date: *Wednesday, November 5th*
Time: *6:30pm*
Place: *Pillow Cafeteria*

It has been a while since we have gotten together and chatted! Bring a warm beverage and join us at Pillow to discuss any neighborhood concerns or issues you may be experiencing, the Pillow Beautification project, ideas you may have for neighborhood events or projects and to discuss anything else on your mind.

This meeting is for and about the neighborhood. Join us, won't you?

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What To Do When We Have Issues With Our Neighbors / Neighborhood?

Roger Wines - NSCNA Chairman

A number of things are needed to be put before us, but nothing really earth shattering.

As a neighborhood association, what should our position be on issues with our neighbors? What should our responsibilities be to one-another? We have rights, and along with those rights we have the responsibility to those rights.

As some of you know, simply because of a title with the organization, I receive calls from neighbors from time to time to let me know of situations concerning the person calling. I appreciate those individuals that call, because usually things need to surface and be handled. When it comes to not abiding by the laws we live under (city, state, or federal), we all need to be aware of what it might mean to our neighbors. Some things are better left alone, as they aren't really hurting someone else, while other things need immediate attention, and should be handled. We have lived in this neighborhood for many years, and overall this neighborhood is a good place to live. From time to time we can have differences with others, and when that happens we need to decide either to take action, or not. Most situations are easily handled by discussing the situation with the person(s) that are perhaps not conforming with what we believe to be the way it should be. A simple way to handle it is to discuss it and ask the person what they would do if they were you, once they understand your position. I realize some people are not approachable, and in that case, you might want to call in reinforcements to be safe.

We all seem to want the same thing - to live in harmony and for the neighborhood to be a nice place to live and to be able to all get along with each other - all the while trying our best to abide by the rules placed on us. It's not easy, but when we work together, it happens in a nice way.

Recently we had a 'neighborhood night out' party, in which several homes hosted the parties, and from the reports I received and from those I spoke with or visited, it was really great to have the neighbors together and to get to know each other better. WOW, let's do it again!

Meanwhile, there are things we need to consider and understand what our position should be to handle them. If it is not abiding by the law and is dangerous to anyone's well being, it should be handled by the authorities immediately. On the other hand if it's something we simply don't like, or want changed, discuss it with the offender if possible, and we'll all live a happier day.

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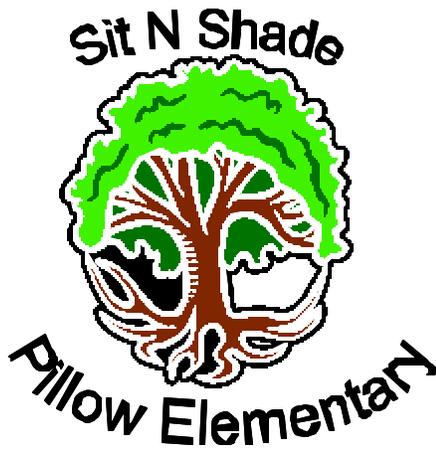


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Sit N' Shade Fundraising Drive

Help us get trees and seating for Pillow!

Our Goal: Our mission is to get 20 to 30 trees planted in the areas around and behind Pillow Elementary by Dec. / Jan. of this year. In addition, we would like to add seating in the form of large limestone rocks beneath some of these trees.

Details: We will be planting both baby trees and mature 45 gallon trees. The baby trees will be donated to us, but the mature trees will need to be purchased. We might also have to purchase the aforementioned limestone seating. The mature trees will be 12 feet tall and will provide a 6 foot radius of shade.

Phase I: This effort is Phase One of what we think will be a 2 year beautification effort for Pillow. After trees and seating, will be a "makeover" for the school building and gazebo and the addition of gardens and landscaping to the school grounds.

Who: This project is being undertaken by the North Shoal Creek Neighborhood Association in conjunction with Pillow Elementary and parties that utilize the school grounds. You can contact any board member for more information.

What can I do to help?

Donate Money.

You can donate money to help us purchase the mature trees and seating. We are looking to purchase 10 mature trees which will cost us about \$2,500. The trees are being sold to us at a discount through a company that has participated in other school beautification projects. To make a donation fill out the form on the BACK PAGE of this newsletter and return it with your donation. Donations will be tax-deductible and your name will be listed as a donor in the next newsletter. Even if you can only give \$5, that puts us closer to our goal.

Donate your time or resources; Make suggestions.

We will need heavy equipment to help transport the limestone rocks and move them into position. We may also need assistance when planting the trees. If you have contacts at a business that you think could help us, please let us know. If you have some way that you would like to help, just let us know. This is a project that cannot be accomplished without the help of so many of our awesome neighbors! To donate time and resources or make suggestions, fill out the form on the BACK PAGE of the newsletter and return it or contact any board member.



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Autumn Potluck and Recipe Swap



Get some great new recipes for the holidays!

The holidays are upon us and once again it is time to cook those holiday meals and goodies. Perhaps you are wanting something different this year? Something fancier? Something quicker? Now you have a chance to share your best recipes with your neighbors and they with you! Come and taste all the good food and decide what recipes you want to go home with!!

You can bring a main dish, side dish, salad, dessert - whatever your favorite recipe is! We will ask that everyone bring a few copies of their recipe to share. Come by anytime between 6PM and 8PM to join in on the fun!



Prizes for the favorite recipes!

In addition to the recipe swap and tasting all the yummy food, some poor souls will be selected as judges (-D) and will have the difficult task of selecting some winners! We will have fun prizes for the judges' favorite recipes!

When: Monday, November 10th from 6PM - 8PM

Where: Pillow Elementary Cafeteria

What to Bring: A batch of your recipe, a utensil for serving your dish, several copies of your recipe, something to drink and your appetite!



What NSCNA will provide:

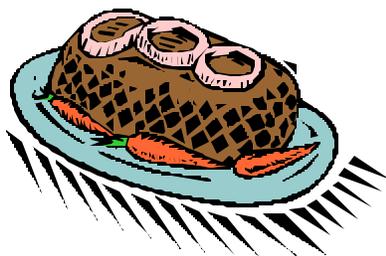
We will have plates, silverware and napkins for all the tasters!

Need help with copies?

If you need some assistance getting copies of your recipe, email it to alysa_hedge@hotmail.com or call me at 380-9616 and you can drop it off to me. I will be more than happy to make copies for you.

Questions?

Contact Alyssa Hedge at 380-9616 or at alysa_hedge@hotmail.com



Austin Area Fun

Andy Warhol Exhibit

Austin Museum of Art - 823 Congress Ave.

August 24th - November 9th

Cost: \$5 (discounts for students, etc.)

Contact: 512.495.9224

Andy Warhol—the quintessential Pop artist—transformed the way we look at everyday life, from common consumer goods to movie stars and historical figures. One of the best-known American artists, Warhol (1928-1987) is nonetheless one of the least understood. The Austin Museum of Art worked directly with The Andy Warhol Museum to organize this exhibition of paintings and prints, the first of its kind in central Texas. Focusing on Warhol’s redefinition of the modern artist and the subjects he chooses, this survey includes over eighty works, representing a number of Warhol’s well-known bold and colorful images.



Editor’s Note: I have been to this exhibit and it is really fabulous! I highly recommend it!

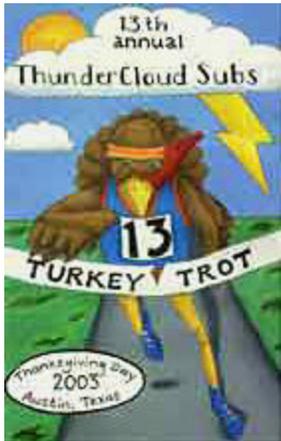
Turkey Trot

Waterloo Park (on the corner of Trinity and E. 15th)

Thanksgiving Day

Cost: \$16 (before Nov. 21st); \$20 after; \$8 Kid’s K

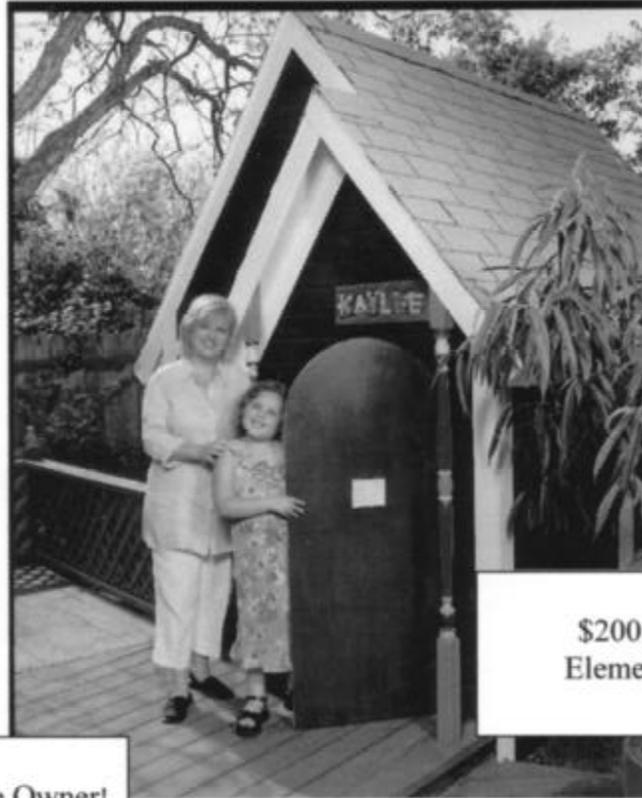
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The 13th Annual ThunderCloud Subs Turkey Trot in 2003 will continue to offer fun events for the entire family, including a 5 mile run, a 1 mile walk, the Stepping Stone School Kid’s K, and expanded activities for the kids! It’s a Thanksgiving day tradition for thousands, raising tens of thousands of dollars for Caritas of Austin! Caritas of Austin works to prevent homelessness and hunger by assisting low-income community members and refugees with basic needs and promoting self-sufficiency. The organization is now one of Travis County’s largest non-governmental sources of assistance. “Caritas” is from the Latin word for love, and in this spirit anyone with a legitimate need is eligible to receive help.

Editor’s Note: My family has participated the last two years. We get our exercise and then enjoy our Thanksgiving meal! The route goes around the University of Texas. If you want to shorten the 5 mile walk, you can cut through the University to San Jacinto and head back to the park. We usually bring our dogs (on leashes) to enjoy the walk as well.

No one can promote a neighborhood like a resident can!



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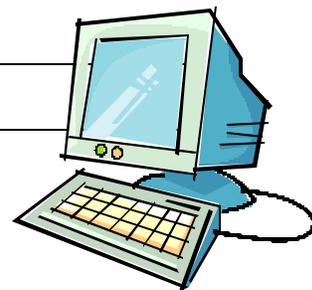
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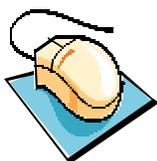
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The NSCNA WebSite Is Up!



Much thanks to our newest board member and volunteer Sheila Beene for revamping the NSCNA web site! The site is now updated with the latest news and contact information for the neighborhood association. You can go to the website to find out when the next meetings are, get information on projects and happenings in the neighborhood, find volunteer opportunities in the neighborhood, view the newsletter and much more!!

You can also subscribe to the NSCNA newsgroup. This tool will allow us to send important updates and information to you. This will be done on a need-only basis. For instance, the "Allendale Estates" sign was recently hit with graffiti. This forum will allow us to email members to seek volunteers to help in the cleaning up and repair of the sign. Please join the newsgroup!!



Please check out the site when you have a chance!!

<http://www.main.org/nscna/>

Reminder: New NSCNA Dues Policy

E.J. McKinney



Just a reminder.... This summer, we notified you of a change that we made to the collection of the annual membership dues. Effective January 2004, all dues are payable by 1/31/04, rather than sporadically throughout the year. Therefore, the next newsletter will have a small section for you to cut out and return with your annual dues. The fee for the upcoming year, will again be \$15.00. These fees are important to the success of both the board of directors and the projects that we take on, as well as the success of our neighborhood.

This next year looks to be very promising, with activities planned such as the annual 4th of July Parade, a potential Spring and Fall Neighborhood Party, the annual neighborhood garage sale, and the much talked about Pillow Elementary Beautification. None of these projects or events would be possible without your support. When the next newsletter arrives, please take a moment to send in your memberships dues. Your neighborhood thanks you!

NSCNA Treasury Report

Stella Brittnacher, Treasurer

	Balance on Sept. 1, 2003	\$2587.41
	Deposit 09/30/03	26.00
	Interest earned	.21
CD value	\$28,026.89	
	Balance on Sept. 30, 2003	\$2613.62

Pillow News

Ann Smalley - Pillow Teacher

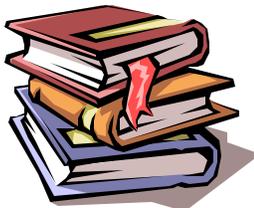


Pillow is Growing!!

Pillow is growing by leaps and bounds! Parents who transfer students to the school say outstanding test scores, excellent staff, and the advantages offered by a diverse student population are motivating factors in their decision to leave a home school and join the Pillow family. This fall, new teachers were added in almost every grade level in order to meet expanding student body numbers.

Halloween Costume Guidelines

As in the past, Pillow students will be able to wear appropriate costumes to school on October 31. Children understand that mask and facial make-up is not allowed and only costumes that are not scary or gruesome should be worn to school. Props are not permitted and oversized or “unsafe” shoes must be left at home. Last year the students enjoyed a very special day by following these simple guidelines.



Pillow Library Book Fair

Please mark the dates of November 3 through November 7, for our Pillow Library Book Fair. This year's theme is “Hats off to Reading”. Monday and Tuesday of the first week in November are preview days. Sales begin on Wednesday, November 5, from 8:00 a.m. until 6:30 p.m. Thursday's sale times are 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Friday will be the final day to make purchases from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. As a special feature, each teacher will select several books for the classroom. These books will be placed in a decorated

“Wish Box”. You may purchase one of these books and donate it to the teacher's class. Remember to buy early for holiday giving. Thank you for supporting efforts to provide quality literature at affordable prices.

Pillow Beautification Project

Plans are underway for beautifying the Pillow grounds. Funds are needed for tree planting and landscaping. Please contact the neighborhood group for more information and to share ideas. We want Pillow to look as inviting on the outside as it is in the classrooms.



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Hawaiian Pizza (Canadian Bacon and Pineapple)	8.99	12.99	14.99	FREE
Veggie Supreme (Bell Peppers, Mushrooms, Black Olives, Green Olives, Onions, Tomatoes, Spinach, Garlic)	8.99	13.99	15.99	FREE
Meat Supreme (Pepperoni, Italian Sausage, Beef, Canadian Bacon)	9.99	14.99	17.99	FREE
Super Supreme (Pepperoni, Italian Sausage, Beef, Canadian Bacon, Bell Peppers, Onions, Mushrooms, Black Olives, Green Olives)	9.99	14.99	17.99	FREE
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Help Us Out - Join the NSCNA Board

We need replacements!

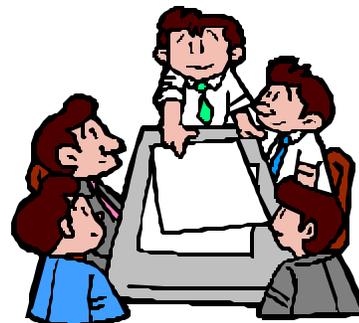
As with any organization, the gracious volunteers that help us have to move on to other things. Every year, we need a few new gracious volunteers to fill those slots. Very exciting things are happening in our neighborhood and we are looking for some folks who want to help strengthen and build the community in our neighborhood and school. We could use anywhere from 4 to 8 volunteers. It is very difficult to make a difference when no one is leading the charge. Can you help us?

What is required?

The main requirements are to attend board and general meetings (no more than 4 a year), share ideas, and help out with events when possible. The term of the position is 2 years. We need enthusiastic folks who want to make things a little better and have some time to put to that effort.

Who to Contact?

If you are interested in joining the board, contact any board member listed on page 2 of this newsletter. Once you have contacted us, your name will go on a list of nominees. As per our association charter, the membership will vote to approve nominees during our January / February General Meeting.



We could use a few good neighbors and would appreciate hearing from you!

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Issues With Our Neighbors / Neighborhood?

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There have been a few incidents in the area lately that prompted me to write this. Did you know it is against the law (city) to have a fire in your yard, unless you are B-B-Qing. Not only will the fire department put it out, but there can be a fine with it. Also vehicles have restrictions on them as to what and where they can be parked. The police are usually complacent about ticketing anyone not complying, but if a complaint is called in, they HAVE to respond to the call, and a report is usually made. A fine can be applied if it becomes necessary, however they usually warn the offender (more than once).

Because of telephone calls I've received recently, I decided to take a little survey of the area myself, and found on almost every street in our neighborhood infractions that could be ticketed, and in some cases items removed because of it. This wasn't just a few - I mean several. If things like what I witnessed continue to be allowed, others will believe it's okay to be like that and it will get worse to the degree of downgrading the whole neighborhood. There is also the issue with traffic on our streets. No-one knows better than I about the traffic situations. I've lived here for thirty-four years, and it has continually become busier and busier. There are a lot of traffic problems I personally have tried to improve, but it is a very difficult situation to change. Part of the problem is that we live in a city that has grown around us, and as a result - we are now 'inner-city' with a lot of traffic problems. We are not going to cure any of these overnight, and perhaps never change some of them. BUT, we can do something. I suggest we tackle one traffic problem at a time and work it through to completion. Perhaps we can make a list of all the traffic problems, prioritize them, then ALL of us work together on that one, and move on to the next. I will be glad to contribute to the list.

Perhaps it's time we all looked in the mirror and asked what we can do to IMPROVE the neighborhood, and keep it the place we want to live, and a place others will want to live.

For instance:

Recycle materials - two separate containers (blue boxes) - one for plastic & aluminum, and one for paper & cardboard. The blue containers can be picked up at a fire station. Flatten cardboard boxes and if they won't fit in a blue container, tie them in bundles and they will pick those up also.

Vehicles - parked on the street shall have the right-hand tires within 18" of the curb (the same direction as traffic flow). There have been cases of vehicles parked on the wrong side, a collision occurs and the insurance company argues the case, and not settle. Also to park that way, you have to drive on the wrong side of the road (wrong).

Are there any others you would like information on? Bring your questions to the Neighborhood meeting (Nov 5th). There is a lot of help out there - if you only know where to look.

As chairman this will be my last article and I want to say that I have been glad to serve this neighborhood for the past two years. All I set out to accomplish has not been completed - there is work yet to be done. I know with the current board members and those that will come aboard for 2004 that it will be a challenging year as they always are, but as neighbors sticking together I know the coming years will always be a little bit better for us all. I hope each of you have the willingness to pitch in and help to keep it a great place to live and be proud of it. This is a volunteer organization, and we all need to say we will help. Every person counts. Happy Holidays!

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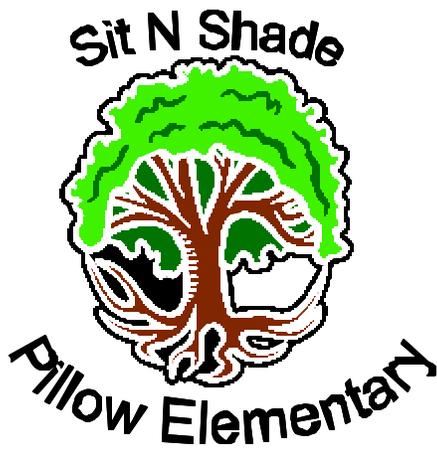
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Member of the Doctor's Speakers Bureau

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Nature's Garden
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Limited to first 20 callers! R.S.V.P required.
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I would like to **make a contribution** to the Sit N' Shade Tree Fundraiser for Pillow.**

___ \$5 ___ \$10 ___ \$25 ___ \$50 ___ \$75 ___ \$100 ___ \$250 (mature tree)

___ Other \$ _____

I would like to **donate time and/or resources:** _____

Suggestions: _____

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

** Please make your check payable to: *NSCNA* and write "*Sit N Shade*" in the Memo field.
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